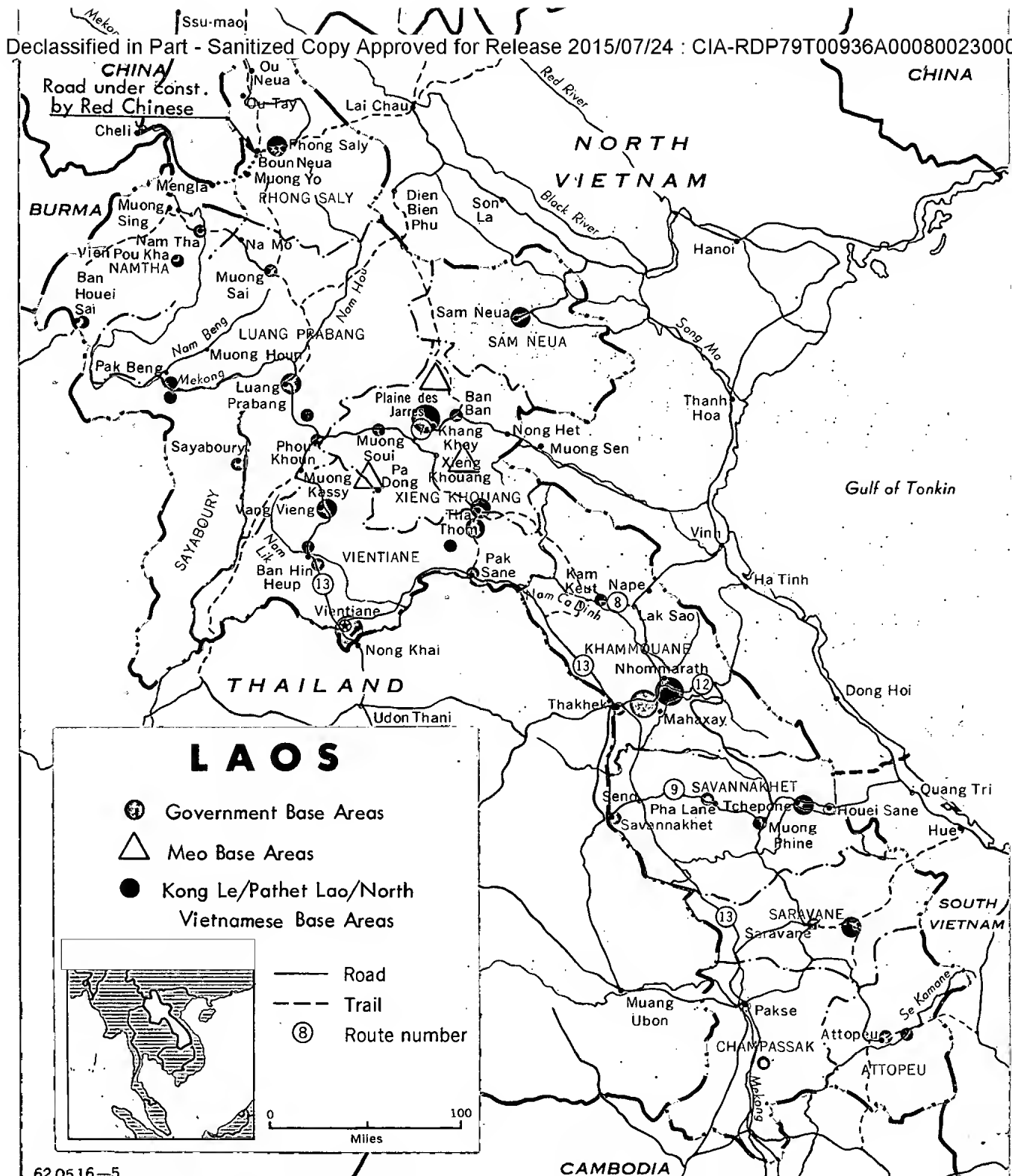


THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

7 JUNE 1962
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1. Laos

a. First press reports of the meeting at Khang Khay today state that the three parties have agreed on allocation of the defense and interior ministries. [redacted] word yet from official sources on what actually happened.

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b. If these reports are true, it would appear that the avuncular lecture Sarit gave Phoumi on Sunday has been effective. Sarit told him to [redacted]

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[redacted] negotiate in good faith. c. Airlift activity to southern Laos has increased again. [redacted]

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2. France-Algeria

[redacted] the more militant elements of the OAS have disregarded Jouhaud's appeal for an end to terrorism. Assassinations and bombings have been resumed. Jouhaud has still not been executed.

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3. Berlin

During the past week the East Germans have been building fortified bunkers along the wall. There are at least fourteen facing the US sector. This and other recent construction seem designed to provide protected positions for firing into West Berlin if further incidents occur.

4. South Korea

Ambassador Berger believes the student demonstrations yesterday were a genuine expression of popular resentment and were not government inspired.

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5. Ruanda-Urundi

The UN General Assembly, which is reconvening today, will probably set 1 July as the date for independence in Ruanda-Urundi. The chances of avoiding chaos and bloodshed seem poorer than ever.

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7. Syria

Prime Minister Azmah's proposal yesterday for gradual moves toward federal union with Egypt will probably be considered a stall by both Nasir and Nasir's followers in Syria. We do not expect Azmah to last much longer but cannot presently foresee the manner of his fall.

8. Factionalism in the Bulgarian Communist Party

[REDACTED] Zhivkov in his efforts to de-Stalinize the Bulgarian party. Zhivkov's hold on the party presently depends largely on Stalinist working-level bureaucrats. Although they support him and obey his orders, his policies--even those aimed at eradicating Stalinism--appear to pass "through a Stalinist prism" before they are carried out. [REDACTED]

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- B. Chinese Communist propaganda is beginning to display some irritation over Soviet offers of aircraft to India at a time of Sino-Indian tension.

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- C. The French are playing the De Gaulle - Macmillan talks as a great success. They claim that De Gaulle is no longer skeptical of British intentions and is convinced that Macmillan has "chosen Europe" over the Commonwealth.
- D. The elections in Ecuador showed some swing to the right. This has somewhat lessened pressure for a military coup against Arosemena, but the military leaders are still waiting for him to remove leftist elements from his government.

DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST

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